

WAS RUN BY THE RING

Only a Handful of Democrats at the "Mass" Convention.

Courthouse Gang Keeps the County Organization by the Throat—Banner Lincoln Club.

What is left of the wreck of Marion county Democracy held a mass convention yesterday afternoon in the Criminal Court room. By actual count there were just seventy-three persons present, and one of these was a visitor from Vincennes. The convention was called last November by the Democratic State central committee, and promptly at 2 o'clock it was called to order by John R. Wilson, chairman of the county central committee. It was called for the purpose of selecting 101 delegates to the district convention to be held in this city on Jan. 8, at which convention the member of the State central committee from this district will be chosen.

The old courthouse ring came in and took possession of the convention, and there were not enough nonoffice-holding Democrats present to prevent their carrying things to suit themselves. John R. Wilson called the meeting to order, and then Mr. Bernhamer nominated Col. B. C. Shaw for permanent chairman of the convention. The audacity of presuming that any one but Mr. Wilson should preside was resented by Mr. Bridges, who moved that Mr. Wilson continue as chairman. He put the motion on a question of right, and said he thought no one else had a legal right to be chairman. Mr. Wilson stood silent while the wrangle continued, and when Colonel Shaw, too modest to sit by and see his friends fighting for the right to present his name to the convention, withdrew his name. Mr. Wilson accepted the chairmanship upon him by the unanimous voice of the convention, because it was very apparent that nothing else would be permitted.

Seeing the small number present, the courthouse ring undertook to do a very fine job of packing so as to secure their own particular man in the State central committee. The ringsters thought they had sufficient numbers present to carry any measure they might propose, and it was moved by one of the ring that a committee of five be appointed to name the entire list of one hundred and one delegates. The ring had miscalculated, however, and was too bold entirely. There was one man in the convention shrewd enough to see the drift of things, and he entered a vigorous protest to any such procedure. Then Mr. Bridges came forward with a sort of panacea, and in a pretty little speech said he believed they were all very anxious to preserve harmony within the ranks, and he proposed that the convention, solely for the sake of harmony, and he emphasized the word, do nothing but what is proposed that primaries be called in all the wards for next Saturday evening, and the delegates be chosen there.

Chairman Wilson, who commanded the ring forces, answered Mr. Bridges, and said they all wanted harmony, but there was a doubt as to the power of the convention to postpone action. The convention having been called by the State central committee for one purpose, he doubted their power to do anything but elect another body or bodies. He ruled Mr. Bridges' motion out of order, and then a motion to proceed with the roll was put and carried. It was also agreed that in those wards and townships where no representative was present, the chairman should appoint a committee to name the delegates.

Sam Perrot and Charles Loftin had been chosen secretaries, and the former began calling the roll. As fast as the names were called those present from that ward got together and lined up their state under the direction of some member of the ring, while the lists were prepared they were read by Sam Perrot, and it was found that there was no representative from the Fourteenth ward, nor from Washington, Decatur or Perry townships, and the delegates from these were appointed by Perrot and Loftin.

The delegates are of the same old gang that have gone to every Democratic convention in this city or county for the past five or six years. It is the same crowd that were compelled to ask the nominees for councilmen at large to resign, because the gang had been overly bold in the perpetration of outrages upon the will of the convention. It is the same crowd that was compelled to hold three conventions, every one of which was adjourned at the hour of the morning to nominate the city ticket, which went down in ignominious defeat last fall. There is a large representation of the saloon element and the old political tricksters. Tom Taggart, however, is not in the list, and he was not present at the room during the convention. Among the list of delegates appear the names of Chas. Polster, William Healy, of the Fourteenth; Fred Heiler, John Luck, James B. Wilson, William Flynn and others. In a place a little higher the courthouse ring has designated William Shindman, Michael Laughlin, Wm. McGinnis, E. M. Johnson and J. F. Callan.

"Banner" Lincoln League Club.

"I see," said a veteran Republican of the northwestern part of the city, "that you speak of a Lincoln club here and there as if they were not kept up generally. We are not saying much about it, but as a matter of fact our Banner Lincoln League Club which was organized in September is probably one of the most effective in the county. We have a club room at No. 39 North West street which is open every evening and a vigorous membership of seventy-five members. We hold meetings every Tuesday evening, and the meetings are generally well attended. Papers are read and discussed. A part of the meetings are private but some are open to the public. The number of unemployed and, consequently, sick Democrats is large, some of them come in for sympathy, as it were. They are on the anxious seats, and will be full members before voting time next November. We propose to push the Democracy, the workman's foe."

The officers of the Banner Lincoln Club are: W. E. Shindman, president; Gabriel Jones vice president; Thomas Welch secretary; John F. Ford treasurer; John Moses doorkeeper.

SETTLED AT THE LAST HOUR.

Marion County Escapes Delinquency in the State Settlement.

Eighty-four counties had made their annual settlement with the State Auditor up to the hour of closing the office yesterday. This was the last day for settlement, and the five counties, Bartholomew, Brown, Decatur, Montgomery and St. Joseph are delinquent in their returns. Under a legislative enactment a penalty of 15 per cent. of the gross amount of the taxes paid in can be collected by the Auditor for a failure to make settlement within the specified time. Section 22 of the Revised Statutes makes it the imperative duty of the State Auditor to at once notify the prosecuting attorney of the county in which a default of payment has occurred, directing him to immediately bring suit against the treasurer, and such penalty when recovered shall go into the State treasury.

It was just 4 o'clock p. m., yesterday, when Marion county's treasurer stepped into the Auditor's office and made his settlement with Auditor Henderson, thus saving his distance by a neck. He paid in \$187,500.65 and drew out on the school fund account \$2,081.35.

FEMALE REFORMATORY EXPENSES.

Each Inmate Costs \$169 a Year—The Annual Report.

The report of the board of managers of the Woman's Reformatory was filed with the Governor yesterday. The report shows the cost of maintenance for each inmate of the institution for the year to be \$169, or at the rate of \$125 per week. An indebtedness of \$5,551.31, on account of repairs necessitated by the fire of 1891, has been wiped out. An insurance of \$38,950 is now carried on the buildings and furnishings. The earnings and receipts of the institution have amounted to \$12,765.67, which has been turned into the State treasury as a credit

against the regular annual appropriation of \$40,000, leaving the net cost of maintaining the woman's prison for the year \$27,234.33.

It was found necessary to commit four prisoners to the insane hospital and two inmates were pardoned by the Governor during the year. To aid in the physical development of the girls, classes in calisthenic exercises and drill have been inaugurated, and a marked improvement is noted in the general health of the inmates. The report shows an increase in the penal commitments during the past year, but the increase has not been in a ratio with the increased population of the State. The average number for the past ten years has been in the ratio of 524 per cent. a decrease of 10 per cent., while the growth of population since 1850 shows a 12 per cent. increase. The superintendent's report shows that a very small per cent. of the inmates come from good families, or from painstaking parents, hence the inmates that come to the institution have little idea of self-control. The report of the treasurer shows expenditures as follows:

Salaries and wages	\$12,681.59
Subsistence	7,990.65
Clothing	2,541.84
Sundries	10,383.62
Total maintenance	\$23,696.11
Ordinary repairs and minor improvements	7,390.89
Total	\$31,087.00

This exhausts the annual legislative appropriation.

WRONG NAMES USED

Strange Mistakes Made in Two of the Bank Indictments.

Supposed Clerical Errors Substitute the Names of the Coffins and Haughey for Pelree and Rexford.

Astounding errors in the grand jury indictments against Edwin E. Rexford and R. B. F. Pelree have been found by the attorneys of both men. In the last three counts against Mr. Pelree, wherein the most serious charges have been made, there are errors that are likely to invalidate the indictment against him. Nine counts include the indictment against the bank director, the first five setting forth the charge that he added Theodore Haughey in converting money to the use of the National Headlight Company. The sixth count deals with the personal note of Mr. Pelree given the bank for the sum of \$5,000. It is a well-known fact that both the indictment of the National Headlight Company and Mr. Pelree's personal loans have been settled with the receiver. In the last three indictments the most serious charges against Mr. Pelree are that his signature was placed at the foot of the false report of the bank's finances on July 12. This statement was also signed by Cashier Rexford, President Haughey and Director C. F. Meyer. In the seventh and eighth counts of the indictment, presumably against Mr. Pelree, and where he is charged with having aided in the arrangement of false statements, the name of "Francis A. Coffin" appears instead of "Robert B. F. Pelree." In the ninth count, where the name of R. B. F. Pelree is anticipated, "Percival B. Coffin" is found. In this indictment the name is typewritten with red ink, and has the appearance of something having been slightly erased or scratched out. An error has also been found in the indictment against Cashier Rexford. Where he is charged with having signed false reports, the page reads: "Theodore Haughey, cashier, John R. Dumont, attorney for Mr. Rexford, states that he knew of the errors after reading the indictments, and attributes them to the carelessness of the clerks in preparing the indictments. He believes that the errors will nullify the counts in which they occur. Both the district attorney and Judge Baker are out of the city. In the opinion of the attorneys the grand jury will be recalled and the errors corrected immediately on the return of Judge Baker."

THE BANK DIVIDEND.

Controller Expects to Receive the Checks by Next Tuesday.

Controller Eckels stated to the Journal correspondent at Washington yesterday afternoon that the checks for the first dividend to the depositors in the Indianapolis National Bank, amounting to 25 per cent. of the claims, had not yet been received. Receiver Hawkins, but that they were daily expected and would surely be there when the department opens for business on Tuesday morning next. As soon as the checks are received they will be signed by the Deputy Controller of Currency and forwarded to the creditors. Controller Eckels believes that Receiver Hawkins has been somewhat careless in making the checks, considering the circumstances, and that the officers of the broken bank will be finally closed up in a matter of a few weeks. Mr. Eckels is interested in the matter, as the proceedings which are being instituted against the officials of the bank and says there will be no quarter shown to those who have violated the law, and wronged the bank's creditors. He expects to see the indictments vigorously prosecuted without delay, and says the guilty officials will be brought to trial.

YOUNG LYON'S ESCAPADES.

Has Been Cashing Fraudulent Drafts for Small Amounts.

Over a week ago a young man named F. W. Lyon arrived in Crawfordsville and carried a contract as purchasing agent for the W. W. Sutherland Lumber Company, of Saginaw, Mich. He made contracts with J. W. Henry, a lumber dealer, for two cars of lumber, and when this was done he prepared to leave the city. About this time he asked Mr. Henry to lend him a draft of \$25 purporting to have been sent him by the "Sutherland Lumber Company." Mr. Henry promptly acquiesced in the request and accompanied him to the Western Bank, where the draft was cashed. On Christmas the draft was returned from Chicago protested, and Mr. Lyon will have to stand the loss of \$25. Of this, it is the father of the Lyon who has swindled Mr. Henry, and, in answer to the letter it is stated that the man was wanted at Lebanon, and it seems that he has been in several places in this State paying the same trick.

Modern Art.

Modern Art, held in its second year with more than a fulfillment of the promise of the first number. The beautiful typography, fine illustrations and careful editing make it artistically delightful, while the earnestness to impress even the careless reader. Among the illustrations in the winter issue of this quarterly are two entitled "The Elcher," being reproductions from paintings of Francis Bant and a man's portrait of that name. The first picture is a reproduction of a contemporary Italian work, by Jelen Ziemmer. The second feature of the number, Albert Vance Church, has an elegant illustration of a more and better art training in schools and colleges. A chapter of current art news is of interest, also a table of art exhibit.

Buildings' Exchange Dedication.

The new quarters of the Builders' Exchange will be formally opened to-morrow morning. The rooms are located in the old Library Building at the corner of Ohio and Pennsylvania streets, the entrance being on Ohio street. Invitations to the opening have been sent out and an interesting program of exercises has been arranged. The committee on reception, consisting of G. W. Stanger, J. S. Shover, James McDaniel, Charles Kraus and William P. Jurgelans, promises a royal New Year's greeting at the new home of the exchange.

To Will Up Post House Grounds.

The Board of Works yesterday ordered the grounds at the post house filled up with dirt, so as to put the site for the proposed post house above the high-water mark of the river. The necessary earthwork pairs at the hospital have also been ordered.

Office desks at Wm. L. Elder's, at Van

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THE COMING OF PATTI

Divas Is Likely to Have a Crowded House Tuesday Night.

Programme of the Concert Includes a Part of Martha—Her Success Elsewhere.

Patti needs no puffery. She has long gotten beyond that, and stands alone as the most remarkable singer of the age. She has had no peer and no successful follower, and is absolutely queen of the lyric world. Patti will be heard in grand concert and grand opera in Indianapolis Tuesday evening, Jan. 2, at Tomlinson Hall, under the management of Marcus R. Mayer. There is no doubting the fact that the diva's voice is as rich in quality and that her wonderful expression is as artistic as during her last American tour. Critics in all of the cities she has visited have agreed to this. After the concert at St. Louis one of the critics had this to say of her singing:

"If her voice is failing the fact was certainly not perceptible in her singing last evening. It may not have been the case of her upper register may lack a semi-tone or more of the directness of her lower register. Nine persons out of ten neither know nor care anything about that, and even the tenth, who does know, will overlook the fact in contemplation of the wonderful preservation of her vocal organs. High or low, the voice is still Patti's voice, with all its marvelous flexibility unimpaired, with its clearness undiminished, and, above all, with that sympathetic quality of tone, so faint of description and impossible of definition, that speaks directly to the heart of the hearer, and beyond all else, constitutes the charm of her singing."

The programme for the local concert is as follows:

- Overture—"Zampa".....Herold.
- Aria—"Nobil Signor" (Ugonotti).....Meyerbeer.
- Romanza—"Oh Casto Fior" (Re di Lahore).....Massenet.
- Cavatina—"Se Romeo" (Capuletti e Montecchi).....Bellini.
- Cavatina—"Sperato o Figli" (Nabucco).....Verdi.
- Song—"The Distant Shore".....Sullivan.
- Aria—"Una Voce" (Il Barbiere).....Rossini.
- Barcarola—"Pescatore Alfonso L'Ecca" (La Gioconda).....Ponchielli.
- To conclude with the second act of Plovoy's opera, "Martha".....
- Lionello.....Mr. Dugard Lely.
- Plunkett.....Mr. Lely.
- Nancy.....Miss F. Fabert.
- Lady Euriellette (Martha).....Miss Patti.
- Introducing the following numbers:
- Overture.....Orchestra.
- Duo—"Sola".....Lionello and Plunkett.
- Quartetto—"Stam Glimi o Giovinetti".....Lady Euriellette, Nancy, Lionello and Plunkett.
- Mme. Patti, Miss Fabert, Mr. Lely and Signor Novara.
- Reel and Quartetto—"Che Vuol Dir".....Mme. Patti, Miss Fabert, Mr. Lely and Signor Novara.
- Reel and Duo—"Il Suo Sguardo" (Lady Euriellette and Lionello).....Mme. Patti, Miss Fabert, Mr. Lely and Signor Novara.
- Aria—"Qui Sola Vergin Rose" (The Last Rose of Summer).....Mme. Patti.
- Scena e Notturmo—"T'ho Ragguaiata".....Mme. Patti, Signor Novara.
- Quartetto—"T'ho Ragguaiata".....Mme. Patti, Miss Fabert, Mr. Lely and Signor Novara.
- Grand orchestra, under the direction of Maestro Lely.

THE BROTHERHOOD'S MONEY.

A Committee with Unlimited Authority to Dispose of \$218.75.

When the street-car brotherhood voted to disband and surrender its charter it had a receiver's certificate for \$25 deposited in the Indianapolis National Bank, and a question arose as to what was to become of this money. There was a question as to whom it should be paid to, and there is yet nothing known as to whom it has been paid to.

The meeting at which it was decided to surrender the charter was held in a room at South Delaware street, and was attended by President Stringer and six members. All of those attending save the president had been discharged prior to the time of the meeting, and were no longer in the employ of the company. The names of the four of those attending are known. They are Martin Dugan, Pete McGovern, Clinton Starlin and Robert Dorrath. The call for the meeting was signed by President Stringer, and was sent to each of the bars, but was not posted in all of them. The meeting was held for the purpose of disposing of the deposit certificate held by the brotherhood. It was proposed that the certificate be sold to some broker for the highest obtainable cash price and the proceeds be distributed to the needy unemployed of the brotherhood. The six unemployed members present voted the motion through and the committee was appointed. It was composed of Dorrath, Dugan and Starlin, and they were given unlimited power in the premises. The only thing the committee was required to do was to sell the certificate for the highest obtainable cash price. They were to use their own judgment as to when, where and to whom to give the money, and were required to report to no one, nor account for the money.

On the Monday night following the members of the committee, accompanied by McGovern, went to the home of Wm. H. Demott, treasurer of the brotherhood, and informed him of the action of the brotherhood and asked that he turn over to them the certificate of deposit, which he did. The next day the committee had received an answer to the certificate, but it was necessary to have it signed over by the treasurer, as the deposit had been made in his name. Dugan met Demott and asked the latter to sign the certificate over, but he refused to do so. Dugan then called on Demott at his home and told him he came as the representative of the committee. Demott advised him to sign the certificate over and avoid any trouble, and the latter did so. It was sold to a broker for 25 cents on the dollar.

Since this time there have been complaints among the unemployed of the money, and said they had distributed a portion of it. He was asked how much, and whom it had been given, but said he did not think it was necessary to tell this, as he could furnish evidence as to where it had gone, if called upon to do so by any one with authority to ask. He refused to say how much the committee had distributed, but said he had distributed \$25 per day for time actually put in. He said this amounted to three days for each member of the committee. The amount turned over to the committee was \$218.75.

Grand Army Installations.

John F. Ruckle Post will have a public installation at its headquarters, corner of Massachusetts avenue and Indiana street, Tuesday evening next, at 7:30 o'clock. The public is most cordially invited to attend. The officers to be installed are: D. N. Huey, commander; W. H. Smith, senior vice commander; Joseph Mahaffy, junior vice commander. George H. Thomas Post will publicly install its officers in its headquarters Tuesday evening.

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day evening. It is expected that Department Commander Johnston will install the officers. The public is cordially invited to be present.

Death of Miss Edna Boynton.

Miss Edna Boynton, aged twenty-two, daughter of Dr. C. S. Boynton, died yesterday afternoon at the family home, on East Ohio street. She was a girl of beautiful character, and was much beloved in her circle of friends. A visitation of scarlet fever in her childhood bereft her of hearing, but left her otherwise apparently unharmed. About a year ago, however, she was seized with a hemorrhage, and has since been an invalid. Yesterday, while she was sitting in an easy chair at home, her spirit passed quietly away without warning.

Controller Returns Warrants.

The controller has returned to the Board of Works the warrants which the board issued to property-owners on North East street. These warrants were in the nature of a rebate. The property-owners were unduly assessed for a sewer. The controller says the board has no right to give the rebates without consulting the city attorney.

Jeffersonville Police Commissioners.

Governor Matthews yesterday appointed Matthias Kilgus as a Metropolitan police commissioner of Jeffersonville. The appointment of Kilgus is the last vacancy to be filled among the police commissioners of the several cities of the State operating under the Metropolitan system.

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